

Docket # 98N-1170

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

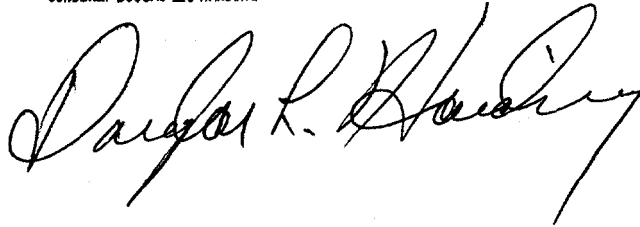
I am a tanning salon owner and think that I along with my clients should have some say in exposure time and how often a person should be allowed to tan. Are we losing all of our rights or what? My clients are very upset that they are and the FDA are making any laws that they want at any time they want. I thought we lived under democratic society but apparently we do not. Why don't you ask the public what there opinion about these laws before you make any rules you want. As a business owner who pays taxes and employs the public why not ask me? I do not understand who you think your protecting here don't we have any rights any more to make our own decisions on what we do to our own body. The people who smoke can smoke 50 packs of cigarettes a day if they choose but my clients can not tan 2 days in row at the same tanning salon. Cigarettes are known to cause cancer but I do not see any one telling the public how many they can smoke a day so what is going on. If some one can show me the proof that I got skin cancer from strictly indoor tanning I would like to see how can you tell that I did not get cancer from also being in the sun my whole life. I go in the sun every day to play golf, so what caused my skin cancer? Tanning in a controlled environment or where the sun is not controlled. How can you tell what is from? I want to know how you can tell. All of the publications I subscribe to show no evidence linking indoor tanning to skin cancer. You know Iowa has been regulating how often my clients can tan at my store, but you know what they did not stop me from opening a 2nd location so now my clients can still tan every day if they want just at different locations so what does this law or rule do? What is does is let the salons who do not follow the rules to do what ever they want because they can track the small salons because they are not on computer like my salon. They are the biggest violators of the rules Iowa has in place because they do not care and I do. They put people in a long line the client tells them to, where at my store my trained employees tell them how long they can tan according to there skin type and the exposure schedule on the bed which is totally ridiculous to think some one will tan for 4 to 5 min. the first few times. We have new tanners walking out of our salon every day because we try to follow these ridiculous rules that 99% of my competition does not follow but we try to and I am losing clients every day because of some laws neither I or my clients did not get a chance to vote on. So what exactly got accomplished here, instead of me being someone who follows the rules losing business to salons who do not follow the rules. My clients think this the ludicrous laws they have ever had to follow, but does not stop them from going to another salon who does not follow any rules such as, not checking for eye protection and making sure all goggles have a string on them, letting new clients tan the full amount of time the first time in the door, letting them tan every day, some I have heard will let the client set the time on the bed, let them tan for 30 min. in a 10 min. bed because the young kids want to see results in 1 session. I have turned the places in to our local health dept. who is supposed to be inspecting our salons and they can never find any thing because these places are not keeping any or no records at all. I also think the worst violators are health clubs and beauty salons because this is a side line business for them and it is not for me and my wife, this is how we are making are living. I agree there needs to be some kind of regulations but the ones that are in place now are not being followed and are taking the publics rights away. Do we have any say in the laws that being made or what.

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I think a lot of salons do pretty good but most do not care what is going on as long as know one bothers at them we hear it all the time at my stores because we do not let our clients control the time or how often they come in. I would like to be present at these FDA meetings when new rules are being voted on because as a US citizen I have fights to.

SINCERLY DOUGLAS I. HARDING

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PRESIDENT RIO TAN, INC.

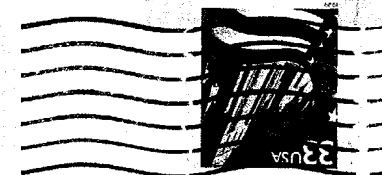


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